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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens steady to fully steady and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. Whole bird sales were reported for prompt shipments. Offerings of whole birds were mixed. Hens are reported to be in the best position and held with confidence, while toms are reported to be available and negotiable. Demand light to moderate, with some reporting incomplete clearance of toms from last year. Bulk parts and meats trading moderate with most movement going to the export area. Offerings mixed.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand generally moderate to good. Trading was moderately heavy on tom drums, moderate on mechanically separated turkey and light on the balance. Most buyers remain cautious and taking a wait and see attitude.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 26, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65.25	65-65.25	65.10	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65.5	65.5	65.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF <b>APRIL 27, 2001</b>	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.10	63.00	68.00**
CENTRAL REGION	65.50	62.25	66.50**
WESTERN REGION	63.70**	62.90**	67.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.50**	60.60**	63.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.00**	60.36	62.50**
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00**	63.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-101

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-APR-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u> <u>PRICE</u> <u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.00	120 67.50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.00	120 67.50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MARCH	450,000
APRIL 1-21, 2001	292,870
To date 2001	1,590,782
To date 2000	1,570,843

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	699	20	23.33	(A)	702	23.33
S ATL	679	-6	28.77	(A)	682	28.77
N CENT	2,106	4	30.59	(A)	2,109	30.59
S CENT	598	9	20.71	(A)	601	20.71
WEST	334	-11	24.20	(A)	336	24.20
U.S.TOTAL	4,416(B)	4	27.34	14	4,430	27.34
TO DATE						
2001	73,628(B)			249	73,877	
TO DATE						
2000	73,527(B)			618	74,145	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000 for the year 606,000; last year to date 219,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>					
HEAD	1,806	2,572	38	14	4,430
AVG WT	16.24	35.21	22.04	30.91	27.34
LAST WEEK	1,811	2,412	32	9	4,264
SAME WK YR AGO	4,011(B)		17	15	4,043
AVG WT	25.68(B)		31.82	26.13	25.71
TO-DATE/2001	73,022(B)		606	249	73,877
TO-DATE/2000	73,308(B)		219	618	74,145

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),  
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS  
AS OF 26 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat. Frozen tom breast meat about steady. Demand light to fair with buyers generally unaggressive. The unaggressive buyer interest is generally due to the slow to moderate at best further processed demand as some wait for warmer weather to cause the deli and luncheon meat markets to improve. Thigh meat trade was mostly steady to fully steady, however, some continue to not see the strength that others see. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of private label 4-8 lb. breasts, balance slow. Frozen 10 lb. 85% lean fine grind ground turkey traded at 38 cents delivered late May. Export trading was heavy on tom drums, balance light. Breeder drums traded at 26 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00-102.00		101.67	480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-32.00		30.22	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.85	47
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.18	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	39.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	33.00	8
NECKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	167.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.50		168.50	80
THIGH MEAT	71.00-72.00		71.50	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	66.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	112.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	130.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	139.00		139.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	147.71	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.48	1,200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50-31.00		29.91	1,008
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	356

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),  
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 APRIL 2001.

The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts ranged steady to fully steady on Grade A's and steady on plant grades. Demand ranged light to fair. Offerings of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts were light to adequate and held with increased confidence, plant grades adequate. The undertone was generally steady on thigh meat with offerings held with varying degrees of confidence. The undertone on bulk parts was fully steady on necks and hen parts, steady at best on tom wings, and barely steady on tom drums. Export demand continued active on tom drums at steady to lower trending prices, fair on tails for the limited offerings, and light to fair on wings. Most sellers were resisting the lower buyer bids on tom 2-joint wings. The undertone on skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady on fresh, frozen steady to fully steady. Domestic trading was heavy on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Export trading was moderately heavy on tom drums, MST fair, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	101.67	480	101.50	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	720	92.00	840
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	30.22	45	30.18	89
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.60	100		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40	31.92	87
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	40.18	49	40.18	67
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	39.00	12	39.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	34.00	80	34.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		W	33.00	8	33.31	29
NECKS, HEN		R	33.00	5	31.43	23
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	167.00	40	167.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.50-171.00		170.13	160	168.45	580
THIGH MEAT	74.00		74.00	13	72.41	29
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	66.00	20	66.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	112.00	40	113.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00-127.00		120.21	53	124.42	93
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	139.00	80	140.93	560
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	148.00		148.00	40	148.18	220
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.00-65.00		64.67	120	65.67	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-21.00		19.50	40	19.20	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50-17.00		16.89	180	16.54	1,380
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		29.76	656	29.91	2,416
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	40.00		40.00	52	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-20.00		19.19	492	19.07	984
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.50-74.00		70.93	144	70.29	1,340

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